AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0028] beginning at page 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0028] Primers for gene XC1950 amplification:

Up stream primer: XC1950-F: GGGGATCC TTTCAGCGGTGATACCGG (SEQ ID

NO:3)

Down stream primer: XC1950-R: GGAAGCTT TGCGGCGGCCGCTCCCGC (SEQ ID

<u>NO:4)</u>